

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph [0007] should be revised as follows:

-- Photochromic lactams of Rhodamine B and peri-phenoxy derivatives of polycyclic p-quinones are suggested for use in these memory devices in which the luminophores are photochemically generated (U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/03258 filed on Dec. 10, 1996 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/033709 filed on Dec. 20, 1996, ~~serial numbers not yet assigned~~, herein incorporated by reference). These compounds can be used in optical memory devices employing modern diode lasers with the wavelengths over 600 nm for reading the stored information. However, photochromic systems based on the generation of luminescent products have the common disadvantage of the destruction of the photoinduced luminescent product during the reading process. Moreover, these systems have low light sensitivities which then requires high energy densities of irradiation during the recording process which can lead to destruction of the memory material.--.